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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS OF CONFERRING PPO-  
INHIBITING HERBICIDE RESISTANCE TO  
PLANTS BY GENE MANIPULATION

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Examiner: A. D. Mehta

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.